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Application of:

Randall JAMAIL

Application No.: 09/997,260

TECHNOLOGY CENTER #3700

Group Art Unit: 3727

Filed: November 30, 2001

Examiner: Ali Neyzari

For: METHODS OF MASKING DATA ON DIGITAL
VIDEO DISKS (DVD)

Attorney Docket No.: 10659-
009-999

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In an Office Action dated March 13, 2003, the Examiner stated that the declaration is defective because contrary to what is says, there are no errors on which a reissue application can be based. The Examiner reasoned that an amendment filed by the Applicant in response to a restriction requirement eliminated any such errors when it selected the first group from the examiner's restriction requirement, thereby canceling all the newly added claims.

Each of these newly added claims, however, are still pending in three divisional applications that were filed as attorney dockets numbers 10659-010, 011 and 012 on March 28, 2003. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that errors on which a reissue application can be based do indeed exist and therefore, that the declaration is not defective.

No fee is believed to be due for this response. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP deposit account no. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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